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IIM Study on Bullet Train
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) has conducted a study regarding the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project;

(b) if so, whether the IIM-A has submitted its report to the Railways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the findings of the said study?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Railways had not appointed Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) for conducting any study regarding Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed train project. However, working paper has been published by IIM- Ahmedabad on the subject in March, 2016 for academic purpose which is available at IIM, Ahmedabad website www.iimahd.ernet.in.

The working paper has concluded that (i) There are many positive benefits and externalities of High Speed Rail which would be useful for India's overall aspirational development, (ii) Mumbai-Ahmedabad route is a good choice for the first route. (iii) Low cost Japanese financing will be a great catalyst.

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